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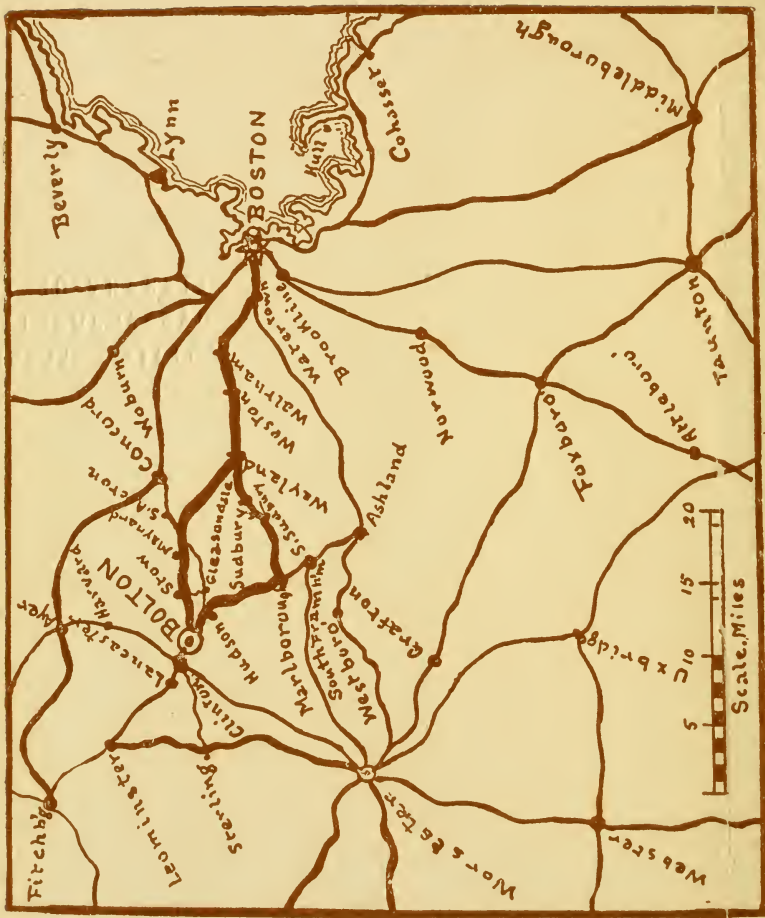
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THE TOWN *of* BOLTON

HE old adage, "good wine needs no bush," is as applicable to Bolton as to good wine, but if certain individuals have not heard of or sampled the good wine they must needs be told of it—just so it is with Bolton.

It is for the sake of those who know nothing of the charms of Bolton that this little booklet is presented.

There are few towns in Massachusetts that can boast of more picturesque scenery, there are none so near Boston that those whose occupations call for their daily attendance there can within an hour and a half, either by train or automobile, be at their places of business.

Situated in Worcester County, about thirty miles from Boston on the old Boston and Fitchburg turnpike and having two railroad stations within its borders, Bolton is also within easy driving distance of Clinton and Hudson, from which towns there is excellent train service.

Bolton was set off from Lancaster and incor-

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porated in 1738. It is a typical New England country town of between seven and eight hundred inhabitants, practically all of old New England stock, industrious, thrifty and intelligent, who have not retrograded as is the case with the inhabitants of so many New England country towns.

With sixty miles of good roads, extending in every direction, over hill and dale, through woods and by farms, fields, and pastures, Bolton is indeed a tempter of the motorist and horseman.

There are no electric car lines in Bolton and for this reason it is never invaded by undesirable elements. Neither has Bolton any manufacturing industries. It is purely and simply a thrifty farming community and for every reason is a town without peer as a place in which to lead the ideal country life.

It is well known that Worcester County leads all the other counties of the state in agriculture and Bolton does its share to keep this county in the forefront. Some of the best apple and peach orchards in the state are here, beside dairy and other farm industries.

If one contemplates farming in any of its branches, what an advantage to be at the very doors of the two greatest cities of the state; Boston only thirty miles away and Worcester but seventeen.

If one desires a country residence merely for the summer why go to Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont? To be sure Bolton has not moun-

tains, but she has high and beautiful hills. While her views are not mountain views they are just as beautiful in their way, extended, varied and peacefully rural. And the summer climate is no hotter than the summer climate of New Hampshire, Vermont or the Berkshire region of our own state.

It is hard to realize when viewing the country of Bolton that one is but thirty miles from Boston and not at least a hundred miles away.

How much better for the busy man after a worrying and tiresome day in the heat and dirt of the city to be able to return each evening to his family in the peace and quiet of the beautiful country. How much pleasanter to look forward to this, than to look forward merely to the week ends in the country because his summer home is so far away it is impossible to go and come each day. Not merely how much pleasanter, but how much more healthful and invigorating for the tired man to breathe each night, while he sleeps, the pure country air than the more or less polluted air of the city or its suburbs.

Farms are constantly increasing in value and aside from other considerations those who buy farms, especially farms that are located in fertile and attractive regions near great cities, make investments that are safe and sure.

This description of Bolton would be incomplete were no mention made of its three churches, Congregational-Unitarian, Baptist and Society of

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Friends, of its good schools, its excellent public library and attractive town hall. It would be incomplete were no mention made of The Bolton Men's Club, an organization for the purpose of advancing the welfare of the town and its people. Through this club some of the best lecturers from time to time each year deliver lectures on various instructive topics.

Besides the Men's Club there are the Bolton Improvement Society, the Bolton Grange and the Bolton Farmers & Mechanics Association. The last-mentioned organization holds an annual fair each September, where the best products of the farm and men's and women's handicraft are shown. This fair is a well-known and old-established institution and is a constant inspiration in various branches of agriculture and handiwork.

Not merely is the fair attended by all the townspeople, but those from all the surrounding and some of the more distant towns attend in great numbers and exhibit their products in competition with those of the people of Bolton.

The Bolton Telephone Co. gives Bolton all the advantages of local and long distance telephone communication and the Marlborough Electric Co. supplies the town with electric light.

It will be seen from the foregoing and not overdrawn description that one who is in search of a farm, either as a summer home or an all the year around country residence, will make no mistake in coming to Bolton.



Main Street, Bolton, Mass.



Residence of Mr. Edward D. Emerson



Residence of Mr. James P. Gilbert. Built by Rev. Thomas Goss, First Minister
of Bolton, 1740 to 1771



Wilder Mansion. Former Residence of Samson S. Wilder
Now owned by Mrs. John L. Saltonstall, Boston



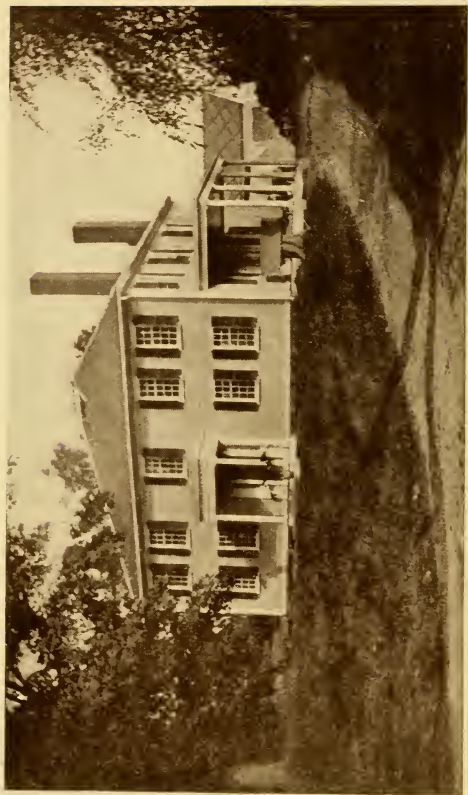
Residence of Mr. F. J. Hamblin



Residence of Mr. Francis C. Edes. Former Residence of Rev. Phineas Wright, Second Minister, 1783 to 1802; Rev. Isaac Allen, Third Minister, 1804 to 1843, and Rev. Richard Edes, Fourth Minister, 1843 to 1848



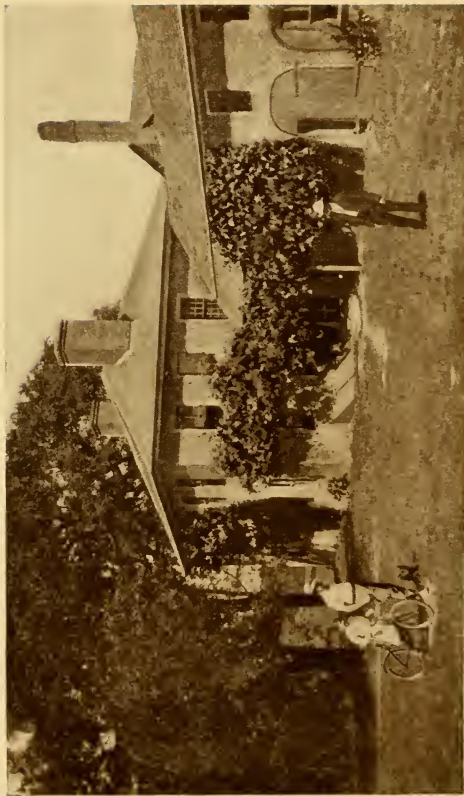
Snow Scene, Residence of Mr. Paul Cunningham, Wattoquaddock Farm



Residence of Mr. Edward A. Hackett



Bolton Public Library



Residence of Mr. John B. Warren



Scene on the Bay Road, showing Residence of
Mr. James L. Merriman



Landscape View from the Residence of Rev. J. N. Pardee



First Parish Church, Bolton, Mass. Built in 1793

TRAIN SERVICE

Trains leave Boston for Hudson on the Fitchburg Div. of the Boston & Maine R. R. and for Hudson and South Bolton on the Southern Div. of the same road. (North Station.)

Trains leave Boston for Clinton and Bolton on the New Haven R. R. (South Station.)

Good livery service can be secured at both Hudson and Clinton.

Consult the map for the auto routes.

For further particulars address,

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Bolton, Massachusetts



